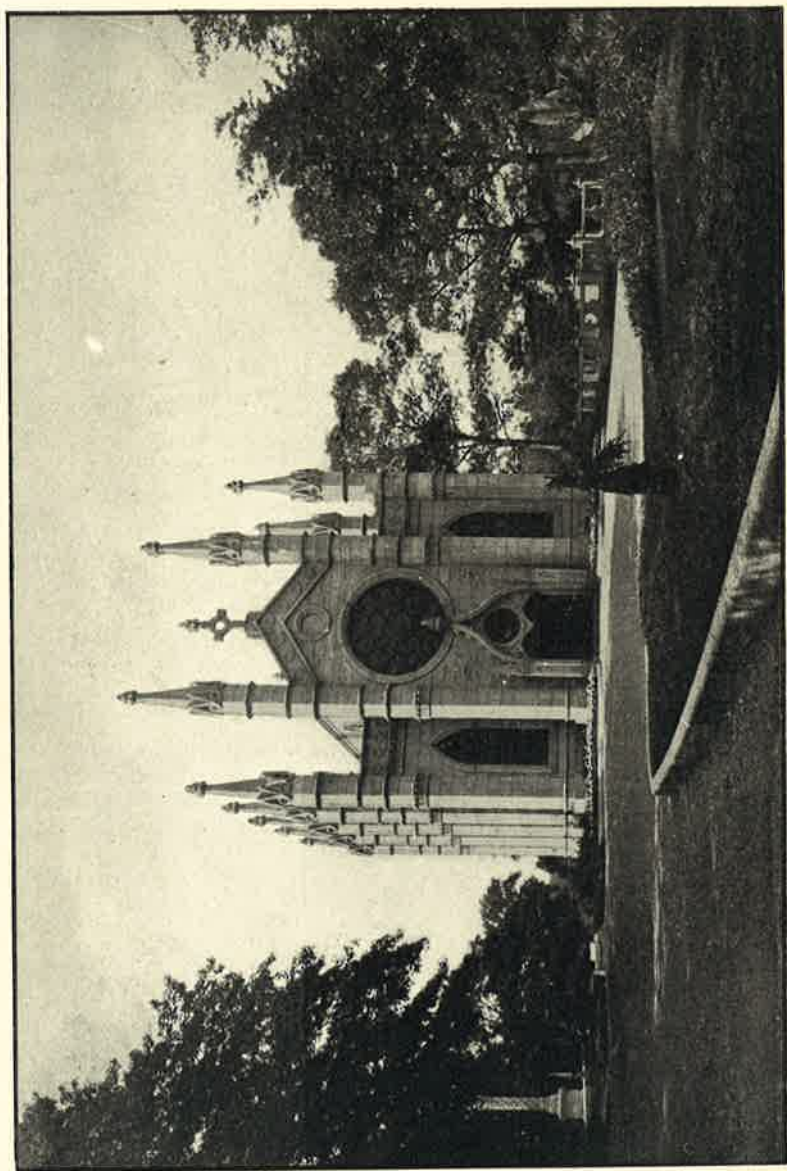

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1902.



CREMATORY, FORMERLY OLD CHAPEL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1901,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SEVENTIETH YEAR.

B O S T O N :

THOMAS GROOM & CO., STATIONERS

No. 82 STATE STREET.

1902.

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1901.

Trustees.

CHARLES F. CHOATE	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Term expires in</i>	1902
JOSHUA M. SEARS	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1902
DAVID W. CHEEVER	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1903
DAVID R. WHITNEY	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1903
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1904
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1904
FRANK W. REYNOLDS	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1905
JOSEPH B. RUSSELL	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1905
CHARLES H. WATSON	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1906
PRENTISS CUMMINGS	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1906
*JOSEPH SAWYER	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1907
FRANCIS C. FOSTER	.	.	.	.	.	" "	1907

President.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

Treasurer.

JOHN L. DILL.

Assistant Treasurer.

H. B. MACKINTOSH.

Secretary.

L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.

J. C. SCORGIE.

Office of the Corporation.

5 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

* Deceased.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees herewith submit to the Proprietors the Seventieth Annual Report, together with the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The financial results of the year have been successful, as shown by the improved condition of the different funds.

The Repair Fund, which represents the amounts accumulated for the perpetual care of lots and monuments, amounts to \$1,167,517.30. The increase of the past year is \$56,946.52. It should be remembered that the Repair Fund is not to be regarded as an asset of the corporation. The full amount is estimated to be balanced by the obligations which have been assumed for the perpetual care of lots and monuments.

The Permanent Fund, deposited in the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, accumulating for the care of the cemetery after all its lots have been disposed of, amounts to \$431,965.50, showing a gain the past year of \$16,029.90.

The General Fund, from which all expenses for the improvement and ornamentation of the cemetery must be defrayed, amounts to \$143,946.64, showing a gain of \$15,726.37.

The crematory has been successfully operated the past year, the number of cremations having been 119. Every succeeding year will undoubtedly show an increasing number. Its frequent use shows the wisdom of this appropriation to meet the requisitions of many proprietors.

Some improvements in the machinery for producing the draft of air necessary for the retorts have been made, rendering its action more even and powerful and practically noiseless. Other changes will continue to be made where any advantage can be secured.

Among other repairs and renewals, a considerable amount has been expended on our greenhouses, which are now in a condition to provide economically and in sufficient quantity all the flowers and plants necessary for the ornamentation of the grounds and to supply the demands of proprietors.

We regret to announce the death of our late associate Trustee, Joseph Sawyer, shortly after his re-election at the last annual meeting.

The following votes were passed by the Trustees:—

Voted: That we wish to enter on our Records our appreciation of the services of Joseph Sawyer, lately a member of this Board. Chosen in 1893 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the late Samuel R. Payson, he continued to serve by re-election until the occurrence of his death on the twenty-seventh day of May last.

As a Trustee he was always ready to give us the benefit of his judgment and experience, and faithfully performed all the duties which devolved upon him.

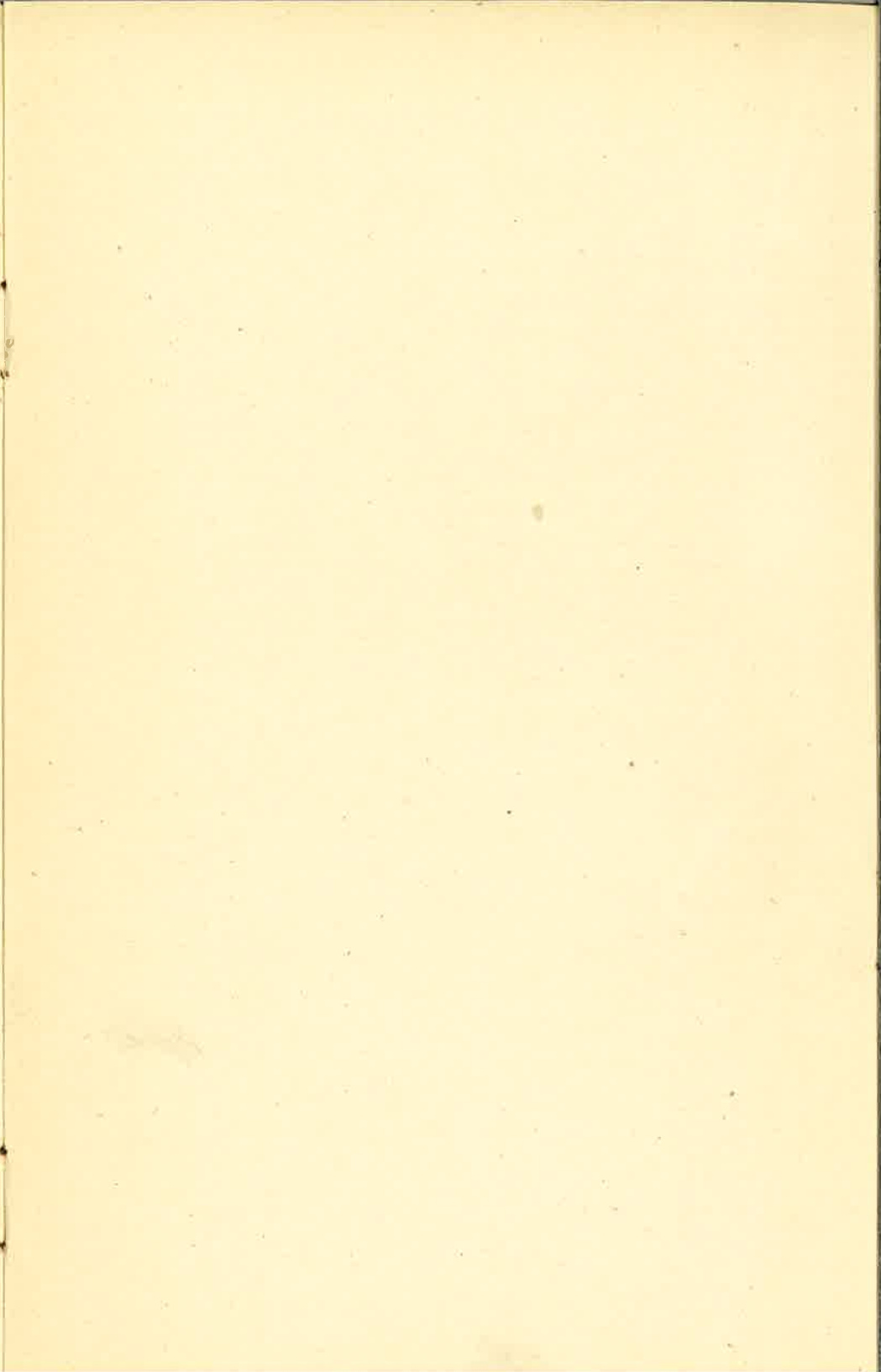
Voted: That the Secretary send a copy of this vote to the members of his family.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,

President.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			\$21,116.73
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sales of lots	\$19,368.20		
“ labor and materials on lots, etc.	65,213.35		
“ deposits in receiving tomb	1,223.00		
		\$85,804.55	
For deeds and transfers	\$166.00		
Interest on loans	6,074.40		
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company on account of income on Permanent Fund	8,000.00		
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one quarter of expenditure for grading new lands for sale	139.30	14,379.70	
			100,184.25

\$121,300.98

FOR THE SEVENTIETH YEAR, 1901.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —		
For labor (pay roll)	\$38,761.28	
“ materials	16,158.57	
“ repairs of buildings and fences	1,996.00	
“ receiving tomb drawbacks	30.00	
“ graves repurchased	40.00	
		\$56,985.85
For expenses, —		
For salaries	\$9,275.00	
“ office expenses	3,118.96	
“ taxes on real estate	1,329.98	
“ insurance	37.50	
		13,761.44
For amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	\$4,780.30	
“ amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insur- ance Company for permanent fund	7,472.73	
		12,253.03
Balance in hands of Treasurer		38,300.66
		<u>\$121,300.98</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer, as per last report	\$38,950.78
He has received, —	
From notes receivable	\$39,450.00
“ endowments	36,805.00
“ Atlas National Bank Stock (20 shares)	2,991.90
“ Income of investments	49,780.19
“ Premium retired	22.14
	<u>129,049.23</u>
	<u>\$168,000.01</u>
He has paid for said account, —	
For interest	\$137.36
“ care and improvement of lots	29,523.21
“ notes receivable secured by mortgage	56,900.00
“ American Bell Tel. Bonds	10,000.00
“ Northern Pacific Great Northern Bonds	9,775.00
“ Oregon Short Line R. R. Co. Bonds	10,000.00
“ Terminal R. R. Association St. Louis Bonds	10,000.00
“ Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Co. 1st Mtge. notes	25,000.00
“ Premium on bonds	3,400.00
	<u>\$154,735.57</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer	13,264.44
	<u>\$168,000.01</u>

REPAIR FUND.**PROPERTY.**

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report	\$1,110,570.78
Additions during the year	56,946.52
	<u>\$1,167,517.30</u>
Invested as follows, —	
Notes receivable secured by mortgage	\$1,086,100.00
* American Bell Tel. Co. Bonds	10,023.33
Northern Pacific Great Northern Bonds	9,775.00
* Oregon Short Line R. R. Co. Bonds	11,829.53
* Terminal R. R. Association of St. Louis Bonds	11,525.00
Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Co. 1st Mtge. Notes	25,000.00
Twenty (20) shares Shawmut National Bank on which 125% has already been paid in liquidation, (value unknown)	
	<u>\$1,154,252.86</u>
Cash in hands of Treasurer	13,264.44
	<u>\$1,167,517.30</u>

* Including unretired premiums.

GENERAL FUND.**CASH ASSETS.**

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$38,300.66
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	50,000.00
Roxbury Central Wharf Co. Bonds	50,000.00
Bills for labor and materials uncollected	\$7,517.32
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	1,871.34
	<u>5,645.98</u>
	<u>\$143,946.64</u>

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company,	
as per last report	\$415,935.60
Deposited in December, 1901	\$7,472.73
Interest	8,557.17
	16,029.90
	<u>\$431,965.50</u>

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, new chapel, office buildings and statuary, old chapel remodeled for crematory, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Sawin and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DILL, *Treasurer.*

Boston, December 31, 1901.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year nineteen hundred one have been examined by Mr. Gerald Wyman, professional accountant, who has reported that he found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments; property in value and kind to agree with the accounts of the Treasurer were exhibited to and examined by him, and he also certifies that in the general account there is a cash balance of \$38,300.66, and in the fund for repairs of \$13,264.44.

CHARLES H. WATSON,
PRENTISS CUMMINGS,
Committee on Finance.

JANUARY 2, 1902.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:—

GENTLEMEN,— I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1901.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	51
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded	45
“ old lots bounded with granite posts	8
“ lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	53
“ headstones erected	259
“ monuments erected	58
“ catch basins built	3
“ tons crushed stone spread on avenues	300
“ lineal feet of concrete paths built	205
“ tombs removed	0
“ iron fences removed	20
“ granite curbings removed	7

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report	33,412
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901, ...	441
“ removals from other cemeteries	25
Total number of interments for the year	466
“ “ “ in cemetery	33,878
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	28
“ “ “ interments in public lots	22

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

To public lots	1
To private lots	41
Total removals within the cemetery	42
“ “ from the cemetery	11
Total number of removals	53

CREMATION RECORD.

Total number of incinerations, as per last report	50
Number of incinerations for year ending Dec. 31, 1901	119
Total	169

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

Supt. of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, December 31, 1901.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Article VIII. of the By-Laws as follows:—

DONATION IN TRUST.—“The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY.—“The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in the bonds or notes of such other corporations, which have earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment, as shall be deemed a proper and suitable investment by the Committee on Finance; or in such investments as are authorized by the State of Massachusetts for saving banks, provided:

“That no investment in excess of \$40,000 (par value) shall be made in any one security, and

“That the Committee on Finance shall report monthly to the President, to be laid before the Trustees at the next meeting, a list of all investments which shall have been made from this fund since the previous meeting.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose,

with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monuments or headstones are added subsequently to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given on page 16 of this report.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING CREMATIONS MADE AT THE CEMETERY OF MT. AUBURN.

Before receiving a body for cremation, the Superintendent of the cemetery shall take an order, signed by the nearest relative of the deceased, or by whoever has the legal possession of the body.

If the death took place within the State of Massachusetts, Section 4, Chapter 265, Acts of 1885, must be complied with, to wit: —

No body of a deceased person shall be cremated within forty-eight hours after decease, unless death was occasioned by contagious or infectious disease; and no body shall be received or cremated by said corporation until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, together with a certificate from the medical examiner of the district within which the death occurred, that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of the opinion that no further examination nor judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

Such other regulations as may hereafter be made by the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, the State Board of Health, or the local Board of Health are to be complied with.

Bodies received from States in which district medical examiners are established by law, are to be accompanied by a certificate from that officer, similar to that required in the State of Massachusetts. Bodies from other States to be accompanied by the usual permit and by a certificate signed by two physicians, graduates of a legally established medical school, setting forth the cause of death, with their opinion that the body may be cremated without further examination or judicial inquiry.

Incineration to begin at least two hours before sunset.

(Approved by the Massachusetts State Board of Health, April 7, 1900.)

The average time needed for an incineration is one hour. The body is placed in the retort, enclosed in the casket as received at the cemetery, the name-plate, etc., being first removed. Two hours after the incineration the ashes can be delivered to the family in a copper cylinder, terra cotta urn or wooden casket, as they may select. If marble, bronze, or Wedgewood urns (with the name, age, etc., inscribed) are desired, they can be provided at some additional cost.

The charge for the cremation of the body of an adult will be \$30, and that of a child under ten years of age \$25. If the ashes are interred in a lot in the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn, no charge will be made for the interment, unless a brick or other special grave is ordered.

Incinerations will not be made on Sunday, unless the cause of death is certified as contagious or infectious.

All the necessary blanks and any further information desired may be had on application to

J. C. SCORGIE,

Supt. Mt. Auburn Cemetery,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. _____ on the way called _____ in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO COR-
PORATION IN TRUST."

*[Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has
been made.]*

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. _____, in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FOR 1902.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY.	
100 square feet.	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the next larger size when that fraction exceeds 50 feet.
300 " "	3.00	2.00	
400 " "	4.00	2.50	
500 " "	5.00	3.00	
600 " "	6.00	3.50	
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to the Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary reinterments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted.*

TO PROPRIETORS.

INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

Title to lot
held as real
estate.

If proprietor
dies intestate.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey, or by will devise, his lot; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Pub. St., Chap. 125, Sect. 1):—

Heirs-at law.

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue and no father nor mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and children of any deceased brother or sister.
6. If no issue and no father, mother, brother nor sister, then next of kin.

Rights of
husband and
widow in lot.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and, if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of the lot during her life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. (Acts of 1885, Chap. 302.) The same rights in a tomb or lot of his wife have now been given to a husband. (Acts of 1900, Chap. 450, Sect. 9). This act, however, did not take effect until January 1, 1902. (Acts of 1901, Chap. 461, Sect. 1.)

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or, if not devised and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Provisions
of will.

Public Statutes, Chap. 82, Sect. 3, and Sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation provide, "If there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot."

Representa-
tive to be
designated.

This designation *does not affect the title*. They (the heirs or devisees) are tenants-in-common; no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Representa-
tive no con-
trol over title.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*; otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Petition for
representa-
tion. Import-
ance of
prompt re-
turn.

Lots are *indivisible*, and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. VII.)

Lots indivisi-
ble.
No record of
part owner-
ship.

LEWIS G. FARMER,

Secretary.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Tremont Street.

BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1902.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the office of the Corporation, No. 5 Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 3, 1902, at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

LEWIS G. FARMER, Secretary.